

Vista Ridge Trail #626



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 2.4 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 4600-5700 feet
Snow Free July to October



Trail Highlights: This trail enters the Mount Hood Wilderness Area on the north side of Mount Hood. The trail provides one of the shorter access routes to the Timberline Trail #600. Where the trail connects with the Timberline Trail #600, several other popular destinations are easily accessible from this point including Elk Cove, Barrett Spur, Eden Park, Cairn Basin, and Wyeast Basin.

Trail Description: This trail begins at Forest Road 1650 and ends at its junction with Eden Park Trail #600H. The trail begins by following an old road for a few hundred feet before entering the woods. After 0.5 mile, the trail reaches a wilderness entry station and the abandoned Vista Ridge Scenic Trail; continue right. The trail traverses the hillside and dips into a small ravine before climbing the ridge at a moderate grade. Shortly after Mount Hood comes into full view, the junction with the Eden Park Trail #600H is reached. To make a loop that adds 2.6 miles to the hike, head west on Eden Park Trail #600H 1.3 miles to its junction with Timberline Trail #600. Turn left (east) on Timberline Trail #600 and travel 1 mile back to the junction with Eden Park Trail #600H. Turn left on Eden Park Trail #600H and travel 0.3 mile back to the junction with this trail (#626).

Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- Wilderness Permits are required between May 15 and Oct 15.
- Group size is limited to 12. Stock are counted in the group size. For example, 3 people riding their own horse plus a spare horse in the group for packing would make a group of 7.

Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare: Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces: Use established trails and campsites.
- Dispose of Waste Properly: Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.
- Leave What You Find: Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Minimize Campfire Impacts: Use established fire rings & keep fires small.
- Respect Wildlife: Control pets at all times.
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors: Avoid loud voices and noises.

For information on **Leave No Trace**, go to www.LNT.org or call 1-800-332-4100

For current trail conditions and more recreation information go to:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/mthood>

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